

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-62 have been cancelled. Original claims 71-84 recited three separate claims each numbered 71. Therefore, claims 71-84 have been renumbered claims 71-86. Independent claim 75 has been renumbered 77 and independent claim 80 has been renumbered 82. The dependencies of renumbered claims 78-81 and 83-86 have been changed accordingly. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Original) A method for receiving notifications for upcoming programs, comprising:

providing a user with the opportunity to select a program that will air outside a program listings time frame which is currently available to the user; and

providing a notification to the user of the availability of the selected program during when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame.

64. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 further comprising displaying a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

65. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing an e-mail notification.

66. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing a message notification.

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67. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing a reminder notification.

68. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 further comprising providing the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

69. (Original) A program guide system, comprising:  
user equipment that is configured to provide a user with the opportunity to select a program that will air outside a program listings time frame which is currently

available to the user, and is further configured to provide a notification to the user of the availability of the selected program when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame.

70. (Original) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is user television equipment.

71. (Original) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is user personal computer equipment.

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71. 72. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is further configured to display a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

71. 73. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide an e-mail notification.

72. 74. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide a message notification.

73. 75. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide a reminder notification.

74. 76. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

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75. 77. (Amended) In a user television equipment, a method for receiving notifications for upcoming programs, comprising:

providing a user with the opportunity to select a program that will air outside a current program listings time frame of user television equipment; and

displaying a notification of the availability of the selected program during when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame of the user television equipment.

76. 78. (Amended) The method defined in ~~claim 75~~ claim 77 further comprising displaying a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

77. 79. (Amended) The method defined in ~~claim 75~~  
claim 77 wherein displaying includes displaying a message  
notification.

78. 80. (Amended) The method defined in ~~claim 75~~  
claim 77 wherein displaying includes displaying a reminder  
notification.

79. 81. (Amended) The method defined in ~~claim 75~~  
claim 77 further comprising providing the user with the  
opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

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80. 82. (Amended) A program guide system, comprising  
user television equipment that is configured to provide a user  
with the opportunity to select a program that will air outside a  
current program listings time frame of the user television  
equipment, and is further configured to display a notification  
of the availability of the selected program when the selected  
program is now in the current program listings time frame of the  
user television equipment.

81. 83. (Amended) The system defined in ~~claim 80~~  
claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is further

configured to display a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

82. 84. (Amended) The system defined in ~~claim 80~~  
claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to display a message notification.

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83. 85. (Amended) The system defined in ~~claim 80~~  
claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to display a reminder notification.

84. 86. (Amended) The system defined in ~~claim 80~~  
claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.